

English and Phonics

In English this term we will be using the book 'The Queen's Hat', and our knowledge from our history lessons to explore narratives, writing to inform and writing to explain.

We will continue to make sure we are punctuating our sentences correctly, use subordinating and coordinating conjunctions to extend our sentences, use expanded noun phrases to describe and write sentences with different forms: statements, questions, exclamations, commands. We will also make sure that we choose the correct tense when writing and we are consistent throughout the piece.

In Phonics we will continue looking at the extended code – one sound different spellings and one spelling different sounds. We will decode and blend polysyllabic words and look at year 2 high frequency words / common exception words. As well, we will learn some common homophones.

Mathematics

In Maths this term, we will be exploring:

- 2s, 5s and 10s times tables.
- Length and height
- Mass, capacity and temperature
- Time
- Position and direction
- Arithmetic
- Reasoning and problem solving

Please help us to continue mastering our 2-, 5- and 10-times tables by practicing them at home and completing garage levels on TTRockstars.



Roots to grow, wings to fly:
Growing, flourishing, soaring

Kestrels Class

Summer Term 2026

Why was QEII a significant monarch for the Commonwealth?



Key Information

PE days for Summer Term 1 are **Tuesdays** (yoga) and **Wednesdays** (athletics). Children need to come into school in PE kit on those days.

Children must read at least **5 times a week at home** and **bring in their reading records and books each day**. Spellings will be sent home on Mondays and must be practiced every day at home. Spelling tests will be on Fridays.

Please check our class blog posts weekly for updates in our learning and any important reminders.

Creative Development

In **Art** we will explore clay and make clay leaves.

In **Music** we will be looking at structure through the theme of myths and legends, and pitch by exploring the song 'Once a Man Fell in a Well'.

In **DT** we will be looking at textiles and creating puppets!

Science

In Science we will be exploring plants and answering the key question 'How can we grow our salad?' We will learn about what seeds and bulbs grow into, what plants need to stay healthy and investigate how much light plants need to grow. We will then move onto 'What do we need to stay healthy?' and explore what humans need to survive, stay healthy, and good hygiene.

Religion and Worldviews

We will be exploring the worldview of Humanism and exploring 'How do different people find deeper meanings?' We will then be looking at the religion Islam and investigating 'Does completing hajj make a person a better Muslim?'

History

Our focus in History is 'Why was QEII a significant monarch for the Commonwealth?' We will be finding out about Queen Elizabeth II, her coronation, and the key points in her reign. We will also explore what the commonwealth is and what Queen Elizabeth II did for it.

Computing and Online Safety

We will be focussing on programming and using ScratchJr to create algorithms and create designs. Our online safety focus is Online Reputation and how information put online about someone can last for a long time.

PE

In PE we will be focussing on Yoga, Athletics and Tennis.

PSHE

We will be exploring the Jigsaw pieces of 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'. We will look at families, friends, keeping safe, trust and appreciation. We will also look at life cycles, growing from young to old and who to ask for help if you are worried about change.

Recommended Texts for Summer Term



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